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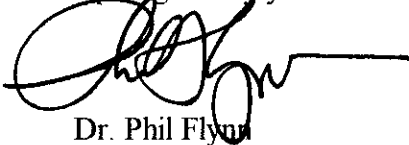
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I am submitting this letter of appeal, requesting a review of a decision made by SLD where upon my Form 471 Certification of Services Ordered form was rejected and subsequent appeal was denied because it did not meet Minimum Processing Standards, therefore SLD could not process it. The specific reason for not processing it was that "The Signature in Block 6, Item 34, of the FCC Form 471 submitted is blank." There were two (2) 471 Forms included in the packet originally mailed. One of the forms was signed. The other was not. There was no attempt to circumvent any of the rules or regulations of the e-rate program.

This Form 471 is for funding year 2005-2006. Our Entity number is 127250. The letter from USAC/SLD was dated March 9, 2005. Contact information for this appeal is as follows:
Dr. Phil Flynn, 2008 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC 29812. 803-541-1301 (office) 803-259-8700(cell) 803-541-1304 (fax). Email is ptflynn@barnwell45.k12.sc.us.

The basis for the appeal is simply that Barnwell 45 is a small district with each of us wearing many hats. I am not only the E-Rate contact, but also the Director of Personnel, The District Testing Coordinator, Technology Director, Title I Director, Title II Coordinator, Strategic Plan administrator, and other duties as directed by the Superintendent. I can only assume that as I switched from one hat to another, that I either failed to sign the form, or that I placed an unsigned form in the envelope and filed a signed copy. Another possibility for the unsigned form is that my new assistant may have believed that only one signed copy was required for submission of the project. I fully understand the need for safeguards to protect against fraud. However, since there was a signed form for our other 471, it should be clear that there was no attempt to deceive the agency. I trust that this information will be sufficient and that our district and our students will not be penalized for this oversight. If there is further information that I need to provide, please let me know.

Apologetically yours



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